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In re application of:

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Serial No.: 09/770,571

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Invention: System and Method for Host
Based Target Device Masking
Based on Unique Hardware
Addresses

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Examiner: Philip C. Lee

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 14, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including October 16, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark

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